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1. NAVY OFFICIALS CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED EMBOFFS TODAY (3/16) THAT NAVY WILL PROPOSE AT MARCH 27 MEETING OF ARMED FORCES SECRETARIES GENERAL THAT JACOBO TIMERMAN BE TRANSFERRED TO HOUSE ARREST. NAVY OFFICIALS STATED THAT THEY THOUGHT THE GROUNDWORK HAD BEEN LAID FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL BY THE OTHER SERVICES.

2. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE NAVY IS CONSIDERING PROVIDING GUARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF TIMERMAN. THEY EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN REGARDING TIMERMAN'S BEING AN ATTRACTIVE TARGET FOR BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT WING FORCES TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT.

3. MRS. TIMERMAN AND TIMERMAN'S RABBI, MARSHALL MEYER, WERE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH SENIOR NAVAL OFFICIALS TODAY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING TRANSFERRED TO HOUSE ARREST.
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